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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS****Los Alamitos Winter Thoroughbred Meet**

Los Alamitos Racing Association

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**Report for the Week of Thursday, December 9, 2021, Through Sunday, December 12, 2021****WEDNESDAY**12/08/21<sup>1</sup>**DARK DAY DUTIES**

Steward Kim Sawyer was in to oversee entries for Saturday and Friday's scratches. The Racing Office carded ten (10) races.

**THURSDAY**12/09/21<sup>1</sup>**AMENDED RULING**

The following PETER MILLER ruling was amended and redistributed to all the parties.

**LWTL RULING #04  
AMENDED**

Trainer PETER MILLER, who worked out the horse MR. DOUGIE FRESH at San Luis Rey Downs on September 13, 2021, is fined FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$5,000.00)\* and assessed one half (1/2) point in accordance with California Horse Racing Rule #1843.4 (Multiple Medication Violations – Expires 9/13/22), and pursuant to California Horse Racing Board Rule #1887 (Trainer or Owner to Insure Condition of Horse) for violations of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1843 (a)(b) & (d) (Medication, Drugs and Other Substances), Rule #1866(h) (Veterinarians List) and Rule #1843.1 (b) (Prohibited Drug Substances – Phenylbutazone (Class 4) – Third Offense in 365 days).

12/09/21<sup>2</sup>**FILM REVIEW**

Apprentice Jockey RICARDO RAMIREZ was in our office to review Sunday's second race in which he violated the riding crop rule (1688) when he used his crop eleven (11) times. Mr. Ramirez admitted to using his crop numerous times and apologized for his actions. He stated he

got excited and forgot the rule as he was going for the win. We unanimously voted to issue the young rider a suspension.

**LWTL Ruling #06**

Apprentice Jockey RICARDO RAMIREZ, who rode SOUL SWEET in the second race at Los Alamitos Race Course on December 5, 2021, is suspended for THREE (3) racing days (December 26, 27 and 30, 2021) for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule 1688(b)(8) (Use of Riding crop – more than six times during the running of the race).

12/09/21<sup>3</sup>

**HEAP HEARING(case #21SR0012)**

Outrider NICOLE HEAP was in our office this morning to answer to a complaint filed by the CHRB for violation of CHRB rule 1890(a)(Possession of Contraband). A complaint was filed when Safety Steward George Yniguez observed Mrs. Heap dropping a white envelope on the track at San Luis Rey Training Center on September 9, 2021. Mrs. Heap admitted that she dropped the envelope which contained marijuana. She promised that it was an isolated incident and it wouldn't happen again. Therefore, the following ruling was issued.

**LWTL Ruling #07**

Outrider NICOLE HEAP is fined THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00)\* and will enter a test agreement with California Horse Racing Board for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1890 (Possession of Contraband – marijuana)

12/09/21<sup>4</sup>

**GOOD RACING**

The eight-race card went with no major issues to report other than the claims and scratches listed below.

12/09/21<sup>5</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1 <sup>st</sup> Race	#1 ITSTHATTIME- Claimed by V. Brinkerhoff, trainer
2 <sup>nd</sup> Race	#3 RINSE AND REPEAT- Claimed by S. Calvario, trainer
	#6 RESTLESS RAMBLER- Claimed by J. Uranga, trainer
3 <sup>rd</sup> Race	#3 DR. TROUTMAN- Claimed by J. Uranga, trainer
4 <sup>th</sup> Race	No changes; Refund \$0
5 <sup>th</sup> Race	#3 HENNY'S CRAZY TRAIN- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Pattio, sick
	#4 FOUNDER'S DAY- A. Cedillo replaces D. Van Dyke, sick Refund \$864.15
6 <sup>th</sup> Race	No changes; Refund \$0
7 <sup>th</sup> Race	#4 ARDIS- Veterinarian scratch - Dr. Grande, sick Refund \$824.90
8 <sup>th</sup> Race	No Changes; Refund \$0

12/09/21<sup>6</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	471	\$142,587.01
SCOTWinc	1,513	\$568,364.41
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$3,008,596.85
Total	1,984	\$3,719,548.27

**FRIDAY**

12/10/21<sup>1</sup>

**HEREDIA FINANCIAL (case #21SA0096)**

The following ruling was issued suspending Owner JUAN HEREDIA, after he failed to respond to his scheduled hearing. Southern California Equine Foundation, Inc. filed a financial complaint for unpaid hospital services in the amount of \$900.00.

**LWTL Ruling #08**

Owner JUAN HEREDIA, having failed to respond to written notice to appear before the Board of Stewards at Los Alamitos Race Course on December 9, 2021, is suspended for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1547 (Failure to Appear) pending an appearance at a hearing before the Board of Stewards to answer to charges alleging violation of CHRB rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility- \$900.00 to Southern California Equine Foundation, Inc.). Suspension to commence on December 17, 2021.

During the term of this suspension, all licenses and license privileges of JUAN HEREDIA are suspended and pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1528 (Jurisdiction of Stewards), subject is denied access to all premises in this jurisdiction

12/10/21<sup>2</sup>

**GORZELA REINSTATED (case# 21DM0012)**

The following ruling was issued reinstating Owner WALTER GORZELA after we were notified by Southern California Equine Foundation that his debt in the amount \$700.00 was paid in full. Mr. Gorzela was suspended during the Del Mar Fall Meet (ruling DFTD # 026).

**LWTL Ruling #09**

Owner WALTER GORZELA having complied with the provisions of the California Horse Racing Board Rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility - \$700.00 to Southern California Equine Foundation, Inc.) is restored to good standing. Ruling DFTD #026 issued at Del Mar Fall Meet on November 27, 2021, is set aside.

12/10/21<sup>3</sup>

**PAPPAS REINSTATED (case #21SA0085)**

The following ruling (ref. 11/11/21<sup>3</sup>) was issued reinstating Owner GREGORY PAPPAS after we were notified by Southern California Equine Foundation, Inc. that his unpaid bill for veterinarian services has been paid in full.

**LWTL Ruling #10**

Owner GREGORY PAPPAS, having complied with the provisions of California Horse Racing Board rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility – \$733.50 to Southern California Equine Foundation, Inc.) is restored to good standing. Ruling DFTD #008 issued at Del Mar Race Track on November 12, 2021, is set aside.

12/10/21<sup>4</sup>

**BAZE RULING**

The following ruling was issued after Jockey TYLER BAZE elected not to come in and took full responsibility for violating the riding crop rule in yesterday's eighth race. Mr. Baze reviewed the replay in the jockeys' room and apologized for the mistake.

**LWTL Ruling #11**

Jockey TYLER BAZE. is fined SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$750.00)\* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688(b)(8) (Use of Riding Crop – more than six times during the race – second offense within the past sixty days) during the eighth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on December 9, 2021.

12/10/21<sup>5</sup>

**SMOOTH RACING**

The eight-race card went smooth as possible with no major issues to report.

12/10/21<sup>6</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES, AND REFUNDS**

1 <sup>st</sup> Race	#1 SQUALOTORO - Claimed by S. Morfin, trainer
2 <sup>nd</sup> Race	#1 TAKE A LEAP- Claimed by V. Cerin, trainer
	#2 TIZ A MASTER- Stewards' scratch- Enter back
	#6 MAD GRACE- Claimed by J. Metz, trainer Refund \$610.04
3 <sup>rd</sup> Race	#1 REV RITA- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Grande, unsound
	#5 Ready Jet Go- Claimed by B. Cunningham, trainer Refund \$983.70
4 <sup>th</sup> Race	#5 RIVER RUNS NORTH- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Stead, unsound
	#6 LADY HUSSAR- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Grande, injured
	(NO-SHOW WAGERING) Refund \$656.80
5 <sup>th</sup> Race	No changes; Refund \$0
6 <sup>th</sup> Race	#4 BIG STRIKE- Stewards' scratch- Enter back
	#5 HEREDIA BOXER- W. Barnett replace E. Payeras, sick Refund \$458.70
7 <sup>th</sup> Race	No changes; Refund \$0
8 <sup>th</sup> Race	#6 SMILIN EVIE- Stewards' scratch- Stake Refund \$363.86

12/10/21<sup>7</sup>

## **DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	849	\$212,751.40
SCOTWinc	2,244	\$801,415.18
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$4,108,338.65
Total	3,093	\$5,122,505.23

## **SATURDAY**

12/11/21<sup>1</sup>

### **JOCKEYS' FILM REVIEW**

Apprentice Jockey RICARDO RAMIREZ was in to review yesterday's third race in which he violated the riding crop rule by using his crop seven (7) times. The young rider apologized for his actions. Unfortunately, it is his second violation in the last sixty days. Therefore, the following ruling was issued.

#### **LWTL Ruling #12**

Apprentice Jockey RICARDO RAMIREZ is fined SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$750.00)\* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688(b)(8) (Use of Riding Crop – more than six times during the race – second offense within the past sixty days) during the third race at Los Alamitos Race Course on December 10, 2021.

The following ruling was issued when Jockey EDWIN MALDONADO violated the riding crop rule (CHRB #1688) in yesterday's third race. Mr. Maldonado elected not to come in and see us, and accepted the following penalty.

#### **LWTL Ruling #13**

Jockey EDWIN MALDONADO is fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)\* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688(b)(8) (Use of Riding Crop – more than six times during the race – first offense within the past sixty days) during the third race at Los Alamitos Race Course on December 10, 2021.

Jockey BARRINGTON HARVEY was in to review yesterday's sixth race in which he violated the riding crop rule by not using his crop in the underhand position. Mr. Harvey stated that he didn't know the rule, and apologized. We explained to him that in California this type of violation is an automatic suspension. The following ruling was issued.

#### **LWTL Ruling #14**

Jockey BARRINGTON HARVEY, who rode PAUL VINCENTS POEM in the sixth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on December 10, 2021, is suspended for THREE (3) racing days (December 26, 27 and 30, 2021) for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule 1688(c)(2) (Use of Riding crop – not in the underhand position – third offense within the past sixty days). Pursuant to California Horse Racing Board Rule #1766 (Designated Races), the term of suspension shall not prohibit participation in designated races.

12/11/21<sup>2</sup>

### **GOOD RACING**

The ten (10) races went without any major issues to report, other than the late declarations or changes listed below.

12/11/21<sup>3</sup>

### **DECLARATIONS, CHANGES, AND REFUNDS**

1 <sup>st</sup> Race	#2 SHE'S SO PRETTY- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Stead, sick #6 COAL SHAFT- Claimed by Q. Howey (NO SHOW WAGERING) Refund \$2,140.27
2 <sup>nd</sup> Race	#1 PLATINUM EQUITY- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Pattio, sick #3 HOT PURSUIT- Claimed by M. Pineda, trainer Refund \$1,107.63
3 <sup>rd</sup> Race	#3 LI'L GRAZEN- Claimed by J. Wong, trainer #7 WIN OFTEN- Claimed by D. O'Neill, trainer
4 <sup>th</sup> Race	#5 GRANADA FLAVOR- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Stead, sick #8 PRINCE ZIGGY- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Stead, sick Refund \$2,169.75

5<sup>th</sup> Race #13 SHE'S GOT A WAY- Stewards' scratch- Also eligible Refund \$952.11  
 6<sup>th</sup> Race #2 ULTIMATE BANGO- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Pattio, sick  
 (NO SHOW WAGERING) Refund \$1,043.83  
 7<sup>th</sup> Race #2 Fratelli- Stewards' scratch- Enter back  
 #4 Wipe the Slate- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Pattio, sick Refund \$1,990.74  
 8<sup>th</sup> Race #7 Syzslak- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Pattio, sick Refund \$848.22  
 9<sup>th</sup> Race (NO SHOW WAGERING)  
 10<sup>th</sup> Race No Changes; Refund \$0

12/11/21<sup>4</sup>

#### **DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	1,398	\$485,299.92
SCOTWinc	3,731	\$1,312,451.13
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$5,325,880.82
Total	5,129	\$7,123,631.87

#### **SUNDAY**

12/12/21<sup>1</sup>

#### **JIMENEZ HEARING (case #21DM0030)**

Jockey ALEJANDRO JIMENEZ was in our office to answer to a financial complaint filed by the CHRB for a rule violation of CHRB rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility) and rule #1877 (Checks) that occurred on September 2, 2021. The CHRB alleges that Mr. Jimenez cashed a check issued by his former employer Trainer Peter Miller for the amount of \$1,291.57 at Del Mar Thoroughbred Club after he had previously electronically cashed the check on his cellular phone. Mr. Jimenez stated, he thought the electronic deposit did not go through, so he cashed the check at Del Mar. He continued to allege that Mr. Miller owes him for unpaid galloping fees, we stated that it's a separate case. We are ordering him to pay the full amount back to Del Mar Thoroughbred Club by January 15, 2022. The financial agreement was signed and the hearing came to an end.

12/12/21<sup>2</sup>

#### **FILM REVIEW**

Jockey CESAR FRANCO was in to review yesterday's eighth race to determine if he possibly violated the riding crop rule. After reviewing the video, it was apparent that he went over the allowed amount by one (1). Therefore, the following ruling was issued.

##### **LWTL Ruling #15**

Jockey CESAR FRANCO is fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)\* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688(b)(8) (Use of Riding Crop – more than six times during the race – first offense within the past sixty days) during the eighth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on December 11, 2021.

The following ruling was issued when Jockey MARIO GUTIERREZ elected not to come in, after admitting that he violated the riding crop rule in yesterday's sixth race.

##### **LWTL Ruling #16**

Jockey MARIO GUTIERREZ is fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)\* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688(b)(8) (Use of Riding Crop – more than six times during the race – first offense within the past sixty days) during the sixth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on December 11, 2021.

Apprentice Jockey RICARDO RAMIREZ was in to review yesterday's third race in which he possibly violated the riding crop rule again. After a lengthy review it was still unclear if he violated the rule. Therefore he was issued a warning.

12/12/21<sup>3</sup>

#### **STEWARDS' INQUIRY / OBJECTION / DISQUALIFICATION**

We posted the inquiry sign after the running of the fourth race to review an incident at the 3/8's involving the winner #5 JAMMING EDDY (K. Frey), #1 BARRISTAN THE BOLD (GB) (D. Van Dyke 4<sup>th</sup>) and #2 FRATELLI (J. Hernandez 5<sup>th</sup>). The jockey of the #1 also lodged a claim of foul

against the winner #5. After speaking to the patrol judges, jockeys involved and reviewing the video, we unanimously voted to disqualify the winner #5 and place him last behind the #2 for interference. In our opinion the #5 shifted in making contact causing the #1 and the #2 to steady, costing them a better placing.

12/12/21<sup>4</sup>

#### **DECLARATIONS, CHANGES, AND REFUNDS**

1<sup>st</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$0  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Race #2 LASYA DANCE- R. Ramirez replaces C. Franco, sick  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$0  
 4<sup>th</sup> Race #4 MCWHERTER- Claimed by S. Miyadi, trainer  
 #6 SNAZZY DRESSER- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Pattio, sick Refund \$643.01  
 5<sup>th</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$83.40  
 6<sup>th</sup> Race #3 UNWRITTEN CODE- **VOIDED** claim return to J. Periban  
 #10 DR. ANGEL- E. Rojas Fernandez replaces J. Pyfer, sick  
 #12 PRESKITT- Stewards' scratch- Also eligible  
 #13 YOUTE- Stewards' scratch- Also eligible Refund \$1,342.78  
 7<sup>th</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$0  
 8<sup>th</sup> Race #3 ANNIE'S CHIEF- D. Herrera replaces J. Pyfer, sick  
 9<sup>th</sup> Race #2 STRADARI- Claimed by S. Morfin, trainer  
 10<sup>th</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$0  
 11<sup>th</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$0

12/12/21<sup>5</sup>

#### **DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	1,326	\$347,918.56
SCOTWinc	3,256	\$1,023,357.52
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$4,384,403.62
Total	4,582	\$5,755,679.70

#### **VETERINARIAN REPORT – WEEK OF 12/06/21 TO 12/12/21**

Horses on Vet List 13  
 Horses off Vet List 11  
 Shock Wave Therapy 0  
 Fatalities 0  
 Medication 0

#### **SUMMARY**

	<b>Thurs 12/9</b>	<b>Fri 12/10</b>	<b>Sat 12/11</b>	<b>Sun 12/12</b>	<b>Week</b>	<b>Meet</b>
<b>Accidents</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Cal-Bred Races</b>	2	2	1	2	7	11
<b>Claims</b>	4	4	4	2	14	29
<b>Disqualifications</b>	0	0	0	1	1	2
<b>Inquiries</b>	0	0	0	1	1	2
<b>Refunds</b>	2	5	7	3	17	28
<b>Rulings</b>	2	4	3	2	11	16
<b>Voided Claims</b>	0	1	0	1	2	3

Respectfully submitted,

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Luis Jauregui, Steward

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Kim Sawyer, Steward

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Rich Williams, Steward

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Paul Atkinson, Steward

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